Arena Occupier

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Shock! Horror!

Public Health Scare at Mac Uni

Rancid faeces found in student publication

North Ryde, March 14: Many students were reportedly repulsed and shocked last week after discovering contaminated copies of the first issue of the Students' Council newspaper this year.

The paper, which for 32 years has been known as 'Arena', was "soiled" by the members of the ticket New World Order, who changed the name to 'MUSCateer'.

"It's just bad!" said one female student -- who refused to be photographed out of fear that her picture might feature in the next MUSCateer 'MacBabe' page. "The whole thing's really arrogant, it portrays women as dumb pieces of meat. And if I see another picture of the editors I might throw up!"

"It smelt," said another student who spoke to AO in the bar. "I mean, I'm surprised they fit all of their egos into just 40 pages. But after they finished promoting themselves, they didn't have too much to say."

"Is this a newspaper or a soapbox?" asked one student. "I guess this is what happens when a bunch of Liberal Party prats get a hold of a student newspaper. The rag's a narrow-minded, conservative piece of crap!"

Another female student said she was especially upset with the "emotive and one-sided" two-page Pro-Life article. "People are entitled to their opinion, but why wasn't this article balanced with a Pro-Choice opinion, explaining why some women choose to have an abortion?" She added, "I wouldn't be surprised if one of those editor blokes wrote it."

AO approached MUSCateer editor Anthony Orkin in Marxines to question him on the paper's contents. He was unapologetic. "Students have been reacting positively," he said. As Mr.Orkin scampered off to take photos of himself for the next edition, AO witnessed one large group of students becoming visibly ill after opening MUSCateer up. "Get that stench away from me -- not while I'm eating!" said one.

This year's editors have gone to great lengths to distance themselves from last year's Arena editors. Current editor Dario Hawat wrote that Arena was made by "sexually deprived", "bare-footed tree-huggers" and that 'Watt', the Broadleft ticket for Arena elections last year was inspired by Trotsky and marijuana. One Watt candidate commented: "Yeah, whatever. I've never read Trotsky and I've never inhaled." A past editor of Arena said "What, after pages of perving photoes in their first edition, they're calling us sexually deprived?"

Another student who knows Anthony Orkin from class said his piece on ten steps to become a lefty was "sort of funny and amusing, but a lot less funny when you remember that Orkin is a product of White South Africa and is a member of the most right-wing faction of the Liberal Party."

Government Occupation Health officials are holding off on investigations into MUSCateer until they see if it still is full of shit in issue 2.

- ***Graffiti Hall Of fame 'Reclaim***
- ***The Justice' vigil evicted.***
- ***Inner city Sydney close to***
- ***losing rare community space.***

On wed the 8th of March the Supreme Court of Sydney rejected the appeal to save the Graffiti Hall Of Fame, an autonomous inner city youth venue with a long history of grass roots community involvement and participation.

Despite ten years of service to Sydney's youth and the hundreds of kids given a creative outlet and a space to use, three judges coldly dismissed the whole space, run selflessly and continuously by youth advocate and activist Tony Spanos. As Peter Strong, a longtime supporter of the space said "The Legal system is not quick enough to keep up with our evolution. The sound emanating from Graffiti Hall was the sound of suicide prevention, community development and vibrant youth culture."

Apparently that was enough to scare inner Sydney local councils and the legal system, pressured by developers with little time to spare before the Olympics to close down the space.

Undeterred from making their statement, a posse Of Graffiti Hall advocates turned up to the Supreme Court including the green Peace Bus, a fluro pink Old fire engine and a massive truck stacked with Speakers from turning up and occupying the space on Macquarie St, pumping tunes long into the night.

A police raid shattered the morning dawn, and Spanos was arrested on a breach-of-the-peace charge, the police angry at their eviction notice being ignored and a rear window of the bus smashed by police. More at: Graffiti_Hall_of_fame.com.au Or www.omsnotbombs.cia.com.au/

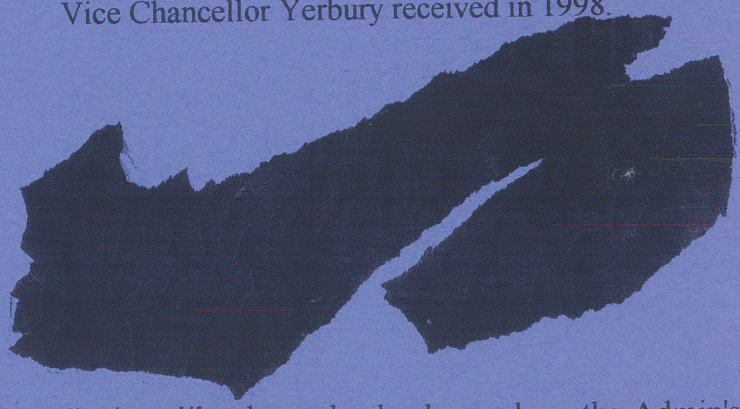
The Education Collective is back!!

Log of Claims 2000 Campaign

The Education Collective of Macquarie University Students' Council is running a 'Log of Claims' campaign in 2000 against the University Administration.

Over the past few years, conditions for students on campus have steadily worsened. Tutorial sizes have exploded, students are being locked out of overcrowded lectures, have an unsafe campus and reduced library funding, whilst most departments are experiencing staff cuts.

The Administration, headed by Vice Chancellor Di Yerbury, has allowed student conditions to slide and have not fought at a federal level for a quality education for students. Instead, Mac Uni administrators are pumping thousands and thousands of dollars into advertising and beautification, like the eight page advertisements for advising day and a new pipe organ worth $250,000 all up. Ouch! This is not to even mention the millions of dollars spent on the new 'Winter Palace' Admin building or the hefty pay increase Vice Chancellor Yerbury received in 1998.



Actions like these clearly show where the Admin's priorities lie.

We are currently surveying students about the problems at Macquarie. The results from these surveys will be compiled into a 'Log of Claims'/'List of Demands' which will be presented to the Vice Chancellor and Management.

Claims sheets can be picked up at and returned to Students' Council (opposite the fountain) or to the yellow coloured boxes around campus. For more info, or to be put on the Education Collective email list, drop us a line at educoll@yahoo.com.

defend your education!

WAKE UP PEOPLE!!!

Sexuality Week

@Week 4@

Look out for: Forums, picnics, free balloons, lots of safe sex stuff being given out free on campus, Sisters Of Perpetual Indulgence, queer bingo, films, and probably some pink beer squeezed in somewhere... Info: c/- Students Council (near the fountain) or look for posters everywhere.....

5 ways to improve the Olympics for us all....

1) Get the whole city to cycle, get a bus or a train during the Olympics by giving free travel to the people that usually pay for it.
2) Get senior SOCOG staff to either work at the Mc(shit)Donalds in the Olympic village or in a giant foam kangaroo mascot outfit. Share the spirit boys....
3) Encourage the young the old, the infirm and The robust to make their own unique tourist T shirts, because the spirit belongs to all of us,and flogging bootleg t's beats work for the dole...
4) Raise the Aboriginal or Southern Cross flag in the 'winning' ceremonies to reflect the true spirit and origins of the Australian people.
5) Get Michael Knight a real non-plastic face and a real personality. He's wooden enough to be a match. On that note replace him with Dick Smith. He might be a dickhead too but he's more exciting than 'cold fish' Knighty.

SAM...

the NEW name for your Union

WHO THE HELL IS SAM?

The recent change of the University Union name fromMacquarie University Union to 'Students At Macquarie' provokes a few interesting questions...

- What is the significance of the change from
- a name that implies belonging to a place, to a
- name that invokes thoughts of transition.
- The Union may want to cover its ass when
- VSU comes in (I guess they're thinking
- long-term) but we are *more* than Students At Macquarie, we are a loose community..
- * SAM sounds ~~like a~~ Dr Suess character. But I
- guess that suits the 'mickey mouse' publication
- (I wont call it a student paper) The MUSCateer.

*What will the total cost of this name change be?

Who's really looking after Lane Cove and Sydney's transport ??

Community concern remains over the proposed rail link between Parramatta and Chatswood, despite the much needed missing link that it would fill in Sydney's worsening public transport crisis.

New stations are proposed for UTS Kur-ring-gai, Delhi Rd, Macquarie Park, Macquarie Uni, and Rosehill.

In 1995 the construction of the M2 casued approx 115,000 trees to be bulldozed and rare local ecosystems to be literally concreted over, for the sake of a private road building company. This was done under the previous Liberal Fahey govt. Not only did this have huge impacts on the landscape itself, but on the health of surrounding residents, and the property values and atmosphere of surrounding suburbs.

Such discussion and concerns around transport developments need to be taken in context, especially with the increasing social/political influence that developers have in Sydney these days. The new rail link is much needed for Sydney, and the impacts it will have on Lane Cove National park and surrounding pockets of Bushland and wildlife corridors need to be

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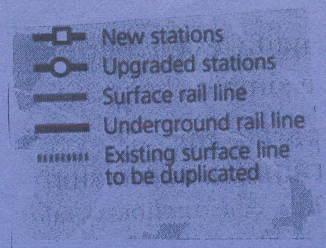

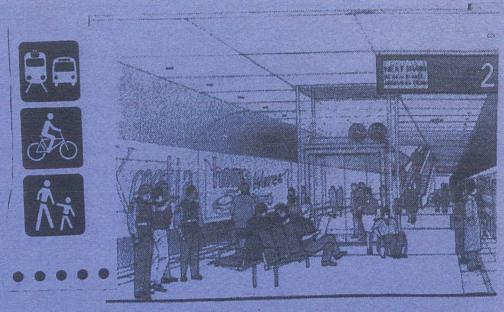

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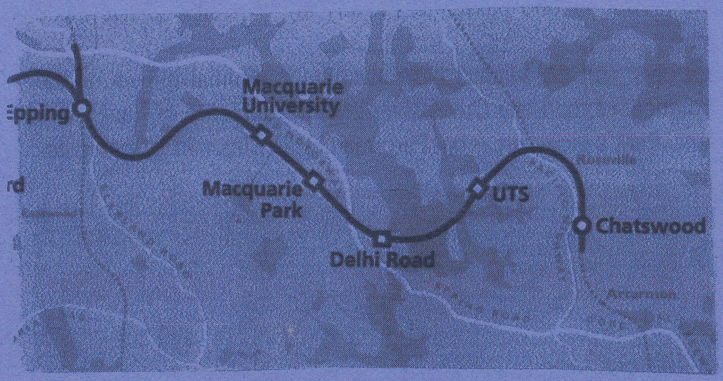

Sure, cars have their place... but you're much better off with the wind in your face! Please think about cycling more often, and support the push for better cycling facilities!

Try your local bike shop for cycling info & support or:

Ride with Critical Mass: 5:30pm, Hyde Park Fountain,Last Fri of Month

Critical Mass info line: 9614 0777

Social rides, info, etc: Bicycle Institute of NSW: 9283 5200

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SLOW DOWN
GREED KILLS
PREPARE TO DANCE
DIVERSITY NOT DIRTYCITY
Reclaim the Streets is committed to breaking the cycle of car dependency, minimising greenhouse gas emissions and preserving our planet for future generations.
Reclaim the Streets
Episode seven: The JUST Revolution
Free party, DJs, live music, spoken word, family entertainment
Meet Saturday March 18
2pm at Hyde Park war memorial
March to secret party location.
We are not blocking streets, we are re-opening them.

Then Dario says, "We had a Students' Council Election and a Union Board election, both of which were rigged and the outcomes manipulated." *As Dario's Ticket got the paper, he's just admitting to electoral fraud, same situation with MUSC.* Source: muscateer #1

****OTHER THINGS THAT MADE PEOPLE ANGRY IN MUSCATEER....***

- **Proudly printed on unrecycled paper comment *'Lefty' stereotypes which are about 10 years old from the slimy Anthony Orkin *Huge SEXIST overtones!!!! *The 3 page crap fairy tale lampooning a Mac Uni activist. *Lame graphic on pg. 16 *Pages of BAD photos *Wasting 2 colour pages on Macstud and Macbabe. So shallow *Huge font betrays your lack of content. Where's the pics on pg 26? * The uncredited emotive pro-life article complete with personalized language. This coupled with the presence of pro-life Christians on campus in O week makes you wonder. * An O week guide that was useless because the paper was so late. *The CD reviews in general.. *** AND the front and back cover.***
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- *Contribute to the Arena Occupier, an independent source of news, views, events and stuff on campus.*
- *Email* anarcyclist@start.com.au
- *Newsletter out every 2 or 3 weeks during semester.*
- *Join the Independent Media Collective!*
- *AGM on Tues. 21st @ 1PM @ Marxines.*
- ***STOP PRESS**: Reclaim The Streets #7 2PM March 18th at Hyde Park War memorial.* [redacted]

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